(b) by when they plan to start the fruits and vegetables processing?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) M/s. Punjab Agro Industries Corporation were granted a letter of intent to process, among other items, 12,000 tonnes of fruits/vegetable products per annum. It is upto the holder of letter of intent to produce various fruit/vegetable products within the approved capacity.

(b) M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Limited have indicated that they expect to commission the fruit and vegetable processing plant in May, 1990.

Foreign Tourists' visit to India

1051. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of foreign tourists who visited India during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) how many of them visited beyond the Golden Triangle of Delhi-Agra-Jaipur; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to encourage the tourists to go even beyond Golden Traingle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) The number of foreign tourists who visited India during the last 3 years are as given below:—

Year	Number of tourists (excluding nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh)
1987	11,63,774
1988	12,39,992
1989	13,37,232

(b) The relevant statistics are not available.

(c) Steps taken by the Government to encourage tourism, include upgradation of tourism infrastructural facilities, diversification of tourist attractions, identification and development of new travel circuits and strengthening of publicity and marketing activities in overseas markets.

Occupancy rate in the hotels run by the Ministry of Tourism

1052. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) which are the hotels being run by the Ministry of Tourism; and

(b) what is the percentage of their occupancy during the last three years, year-wise and hotel-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) and (b) The Department of Tourism does not operate hotels. However, ITDC, a public sector undertaking under the administrative control of the Central Department of Tourism presently owns and operates 25 hotels. The percentage occupancy of these hotels during last 3 years, year-wise and hotel wise, is given in the enclosed statement:

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Hotel	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
1	Ashok Hotel, New Delhi	75	80	84
2	Hotel Janpath, New Delhi	84	80	84
3	Lodhi Hotel, New Delhi	68	63	71
4	Hotel Ranjit, New Delhi	72	62	65
5	Hotel Ashok Bangalore	53	60	61
6	Hotel Agra Ashok	58	70	73
7	Hotel Hassan Ashok, Hassan	32	39	48
8	Hotel Jammu Ashok, Jammu	36	40	36
9	Hotel Aurangabad Ashok	45	45	48
10	Hotel Khajuraho Ashok	33	34	39
11	Kovalam Ashok Beach Resort	66	72	74
12	Laxmi Vilas Palace Hotel, Udaipur	66	61	65
13	Temple Bay Ashok Beach Resort, Mamallapuram	51	55	64
14	Hotel Varanasi Ashok	42	40	41
15	Qutab Hotel New Delhi	82	80	77
16	Lalitha Mahal Palace, Mysore	53	55	61
17	Hotel Airport Ashok, Calcutta	58	58	59
18	Hotel Pataliputra Ashok, Patna	49	48	60
19	Hotel Jaipur Ashok, Jaipur	68	69	64
20	Hotel Kalinga Ashok, Bhubaneswar	37	41	46
21	Hotel Madurai Ashok, Madurai	38	47	47
22	Hotel Samrat, New Delhi	77	80	79
23	Hotel Kanishka, New Delhi	79	74	74
24	Ashok Yatri Niwas, New Delhi	85	84	86
25	Hotel Bodhgaya Ashok, Bodhgaya	..	35	34
	TOTAL	70	70	72

Proposal to call Chief Ministers conference on debt relief to farmers

1053. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to call Chief Ministers' Conference to discuss the procedure for giving debt relief to farmers; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) Government has, as at present no proposal to con-